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Dear friend Garrison;

Thank you for your note, rec'd. yesterday. The Custom House package was very satisfactorily explained, and I am very glad you secured so many books; — only it is not right that the whole expense should fall upon you. It seems to me you have distributed them with great consideration & good judgment. I could name one or two names more, but I think you have already reduced your number pretty low. Should you really have a few spare copies I would name (Harrison Square is his P.O. address) William Pope of Dorchester, Nathaniel T. Allen of West Newton, and D. Javvis Lewis of Waltham, — all modest & quiet men, but who have rendered special good service in whatever would vindicate your antislavery name and labors. And I might, — as you could, — extend the list almost indefinitely, but of course I must stop. And

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yet there is one name I am sure
you would not pass over, — a jewel
of a man, tho' perhaps not polished &
kept according to prevailing notions of style, —
Rees E. Price, an enthusiastic helper
of the "Testimonial", and a very warm
friend to you, as you know well.

Our English and Irish friends
are starting a little earlier than I would
have advised for their own comfort. It
will not be settled pleasant & mild
weather, in all human probability, on
their arrival, nor for some time afterward.
But, for ourselves, I suppose we all
shall say, they cannot come too soon;
and I trust they are all to experience
great benefit from the voyage and the
visit. Just a little before getting
your letter, I had written to Sarah
Pugh to inquire when Mary Estlin
might be expected. It is well
that she goes Southerly from New York,

rather than northerly, at first. I infer from your letter, that R. D. Webb will soon come to New England; — and I for one shall greatly delight to see him.

I expect to go to Boston on Monday morning next, and to be in that vicinity the most of the week. — Could you come to Leicester and speak at the Annual Meeting of our Leicester Freedmen's Aid Society? It would be a very great help to us, & to me. I do wish you might. It will probably be held on Tuesday evening, 29th inst. — a week from next Tuesday. If straitened for time, you could easily reach us by the 2 P.M. Express Train from Boston, and be in Boston again very comfortably, (passing the night with us of course,) the next day at 11. — But we hope you could take a little more time than that. — Will you write ~~without~~ as soon as you can, and tell me if engagements & circumstances

will permit you to come! And we are not tied down to a day. We would gladly have it Monday the 18th, (which indeed is the regular day), or Wednesday 20th; or Thursday 21st. You might select either of the four, and it would suit us. Only we should like to know this week, if we can, your decision.

Pray excuse the ugly blot on the other side; — my overfull pen was the occasion of it, and I have not time to re-write.

With best regards to all your family, Truly Yours

Sam'l May Jr